

# St. Peter's Parish, Shankill

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# BULLETIN

SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Saturday 9.30am, 6pm (Vigil)  
Sunday 8am, 10am, (po polsku) & 12.00 noon  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8am  
Tuesday & Friday 8am & 7pm  
**ST PAUL'S CHURCH**  
Sunday: 9am & 10.30am,  
Monday-Friday: 10am  
Saturday: 10.30 am & 7pm (Vigil)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
With Fr Jozef  
Friday 6.00pm - 6.45pm

**ADVENT CONFESSIONS**  
Penitential Service in **St Paul's** on Sunday 17th December at 3.00pm  
Confessions in **St Peter's** on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm after 7pm Mass  
Confessions & Adoration in **St Anthony's** on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm  
Confessions in **St Peter's**, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10.00am  
Confessions in **St Paul's**, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11.00am

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
10<sup>th</sup> December - £4435.86  
Donations - £70  
Car Park - £404.00  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity.*

**PARISH OFFICE** closed from 12.00pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 9.00am,  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January, for the holidays.

**PLEASE NOTE**  
Anniversaries and Month's Mind Notices that occur up to Saturday 6th January 2024 should be left into the Parish Office on or before Wednesday 20th December @ 12.00noon if they are to be included in the Bulletin over the Christmas/New Year holidays.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
**Christmas Eve** - 6.00pm & 9.00pm (po pulsku)  
**Christmas Day** - 8.00am, 10.00am (po pulsku) and 12.00noon  
**Christmas Week** (Mon to Sat) Masses at 9.30am only  
**St Paul's Church**  
**Christmas Eve** - 6.00pm  
**Christmas Day** - 9.00am, 10.30am  
**Christmas Week** (Mon to Sat) 10.30am only

**ST PAUL'S CAROL SERVICE**  
Sunday 17th December 2023 at 7.00pm

**THANKS**  
**St. Vincent de Paul Collection**  
To date the total amount received from the Annual Christmas Appeal is £12,107 from the two parishes. May God reward you for the generosity you have shown. Words cannot describe how we appreciate the support you have given the Society. May you have a peaceful, and blessed Christmas.  
**The Altar & Mission Society**  
Wish to thank everyone who helped and supported their recent display and sale of work.

*Visit the Crib.  
Picture the Holy Family on that first Christmas night.  
Say a prayer of thanks for the gift of life and family and friendship.*

*Joy to the world!*  
  
**ST PETER'S CAROL SERVICE**  
Please come along and join with the Choirs of St Peter's for the **Annual Carol Service**, today, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm  
*We shall prepare for the coming of Jesus through prayers, readings & Carols.*  
*A time to stop and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall*

The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene reminds us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Mt 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no-one is excluded.  
*Pope Francis, Admirabile Signum*



**The Irish Christmas Mass** will take place in Adoration Chapel, Edward Street, on Tuesday 19th December @ 8pm.  
*A warm welcome to all.*

**POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION**  
*For person with disabilities:*  
We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

**The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024**  
Applications for Assisted Pilgrims wishing to travel on the Dromore Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage 17th-22nd May 2024 are now being considered.  
Please apply in writing to:  
The Secretary  
Lurgan Lourdes Committee  
Rosemary McGuinness  
29 Hunters Lodge  
LURGAN BT66 6NB  
Applications for Nurses wishing to travel are now also being considered.  
**Information regarding Pilgrim Fares etc will be available in January**

**Trócaire School Volunteers:**  
Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children?  
Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable?  
Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Dromore Diocese Area.  
If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent, then we would love to hear from you!  
For more information call Casey Schell on 028 9080 8033 or email [casey.schell@trocaire.org](mailto:casey.schell@trocaire.org)

**Drumnamoe Nursery Open Day**  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
11am- 12.00 noon  
Come along, meet our staff and see around our Outstanding Nursery School.  
**52 Full Time Places 8.45am - 1.15 pm**  
**26 Morning Places 8.45am - 11.15am**  
**26 Afternoon Places 12 noon -2.30 pm**  
Drumnamoe Nursery School,  
Telephone no: 028 3832 9384

**Advent Prayer**  
Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen



**TRÓCAIRE - CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF LOVE**  
Soap £5, Chicks £7, Solar Lamps £10, Seeds and Tools £10, Menstrual Dignity £10, Emergency Water £15, School Lunches £15, School Kit £20, Family Essentials £30, Mental Health Lifeline £40, Goats £40, Help for Grandparents £40, New Mother's Care Kit £45, Honeybees £55, Protection from Climate Change £85, Water Systems £85, Women's Empowerment £85, A Just World £85, Safe Home £125, Ox Plough and Farming Tools £170, Fix a Well £1000 & Solar Panel Water Pump £1400.  
Pack of 12 Christmas cards £4  
**Available from Parish Office until Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

**2024 TOURS**  
**Easter in Galway**  
1<sup>st</sup> April  
(Waiting list open)  
**Clonakilty & West Cork**  
9 September – 5 Day Tour £429  
**Spanish October Tour**  
14 October  
Santa Suzanna, Costa Brava  
**Turkey & Tinsel in Bundoran**  
Great Northern Hotel  
4 Day Tour – 18 November £319  
**Rome & Assisi** - Feb 2025  
*For more information or to book Noel 079 5547 5650 or Gerard 3832 4741*

**ANNIVERSARIES CONTINUED**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**  
James McAreavey, Manor Park  
Margaret McCabrey, Mary Street  
Bride McConville, Oakleigh Heights/The Grange  
Susan Handy Fox, Birmingham  
James Heaney, Ulster Street  
**Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord**

**RECENTLY DECEASED**  
Francie Boal, Allenhill Park  
Odhran Kelly, Princes Street  
Colm O'Hagan, Monbrief Walk  
Kathleen Magee, Oakleigh Fold  
Maureen Walsh, nee Hamill, Annesborough Rd  
Jarlath McConville, North Street  
Rose Skeffington, Garland Avenue

**MONTH'S MIND**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Siobhan Loughran, Donnelly Gardens  
Teresa McCabe, Donnelly Gardens  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Gary McEnoy, Kilwilke Road  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Maura O'Loan, North Street/Manor Court

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Seamus McCorry, Oakleigh Fold/Edward Street  
Mary Ellen Haughey, Kilmaine Street  
Ann McCarron, Forest Glade  
Charlotte McCrory, Kilwilke Road  
Kieran Shanks, Drumnamoe Avenue  
George Hatchell, Silverwood Drive  
Patrick Lennon, Francis Street  
Bob & Bridie McEvoy, Ennis Close  
Hugh McCorry, Glenavy  
Elizabeth Leonard, New York  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
Baby Theo McMahan,  
Elizabeth Mackle, Shore Road  
Bella McCann, North Street  
Samuel Holland, Cypress Gardens  
Mary McAlernon, Grattan Street  
Jane Shanks, Dingwell Park  
Odhran O'Neill, Forest Glade  
Mary McLaughlin, Desmond Avenue/Downpatrick

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
Kathleen Kerr, Portadown  
Bob & Ellen McCorry, Tannaghmore North Road  
Billy Doran, Ballyoran Park  
William McManus, Soye Gardens  
Dermot McStay, Kilmore Hill Road  
Felix Quinn, Rampart Street  
Canon Gerard McCrory, Castor Bay Road  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Hugh Haughian Sr, Sloan Street  
Stephen Lyness, Portadown  
William Martin, Francis Street  
Brendan Gordon, Deeny Drive  
Kathleen Hanratty, Ashwood  
Fiona Phillips nee Cassidy, Forest Glade/Finaghy  
Aidan Courtney, Cottage Walk  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**  
Kathleen Jordan, Kilmaine Street  
Tommy O'Hara, Dingwell Park  
Dessie McKinstry, Wesley Place  
Marie Carter, Waring Street  
Jim McConville, London/Edward Street  
James Knox, O'Neill's Terrace  
Virginia McGroarty, New York  
Hugh & Harry Murtagh, Lurgan/Dublin

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**  
Kathleen Venard, Deramore Drive  
Kevin Toman, Desmond Avenue  
Dympna McStay, Kilmore Hill Road  
Ethel Ranaghan, Killough, Co Down  
Rosemarie Cullen, Annesborough Park  
John Catney, Mary Street  
Sean Byrne, Shore Road